

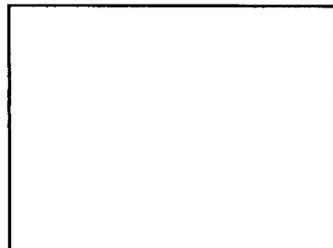
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[redacted] Colonel Abdelghani, an effective administrator with close ties to fellow Army officers, would not be easily pushed aside. He is considered loyal to Boumediene and presumably has the support of the Army, the dominant branch of the armed forces. Key Army officers, especially Abdelghani, probably would exercise dominant influence in picking a permanent successor to Boumediene and in controlling a new government.

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ARAB STATES: Summit Strategies

[redacted] *The Arab foreign ministers conference in Baghdad ended yesterday with agreement on "middle-of-the-road" proposals, according to Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud. The draft proposals will be considered by the Arab summit, scheduled to open today in Baghdad.*

[redacted] Details on the talks are sketchy, but most of the working papers submitted at the conference stressed the centrality of the Palestinian question to any Middle East settlement, rejected the Camp David agreements, criticized Egyptian President Sadat's willingness to sign a separate peace with Israel, urged greater financial support for the confrontation states, and proposed establishment of an institutional framework to follow up any summit decisions. It is also possible that the transfer of the Arab League headquarters from Cairo will be recommended.

[redacted] While such a compromise plan falls short of radical demands, the emphasis on criticism rather than condemnation of the Egyptian President's actions may enable the Saudis and other moderates to subscribe to it. Syrian Foreign Minister Khaddam had urged the conference to adopt measures calling for the expulsion of Egypt from the Arab League and a total diplomatic, political, and economic boycott of Egypt.

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[redacted] Jordan is also expected to back the compromise proposals, although it had offered a working paper calling only for study of the problems presented by the Camp David agreements. Jordan's press has reported that the ministers held preliminary discussions on Iraq's proposal to set up a \$9 billion aid fund. The money would go to Egypt--if it reneged on Camp David--and the other confrontation states. The funds would be distributed by Jordan and the PLO. [redacted]

GREECE-TURKEY: Border Incident

[redacted] A Turkish patrol craft collided with and sank a Greek fishing boat off Alexandroupolis near the Greek-Turkish sea boundary in Thrace yesterday.

[redacted] Greek officials say that the fishing vessel was in Greek territorial waters when the incident took place and that they will make a "vigorous" protest to the Turkish Government.

[redacted] //We do not believe that this indicates that Turkey has abandoned its policy of trying to cool Aegean tensions pending the outcome of negotiations with Greece. Late last month, for example, the Turks agreed in principle to the formation of a joint Greek-Turkish committee to investigate a dispute over the boundary in the region where the confrontation took place.//

[redacted] //Still, the incident will further heighten bitterness between the two countries, especially if the missing Greek fisherman is not found.// [redacted]

TANZANIA-UGANDA: Land Annexation

[redacted] //Kampala radio announced yesterday that Uganda had annexed the area between the Tanzanian border and the Kagera River and said it would administer the territory as a military zone. Uganda has long claimed this sparsely populated area because it regards the river as its natural boundary. Uganda's troops appear to be in effective control there as a result of the recent fighting.//